



**HUMANS IN SPACE: LIFE SUPPORT**

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# **PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CLOSED-LOOP LIFE SUPPORT**

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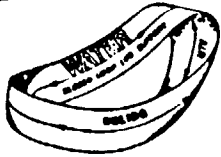


### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- **PROVIDE A PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL LIFE SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY BASE TO ENABLE FUTURE LONG DURATION HUMAN SPACE MISSIONS**
- **PROVIDE AGENCY FOCUS FOR A MULTI-CENTER PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL LIFE SUPPORT R AND T PROGRAM**
- **ESTABLISH A PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL LIFE SUPPORT R AND T DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AMONG NASA, INDUSTRY AND UNIVERSITIES**

### **JUSTIFICATION**

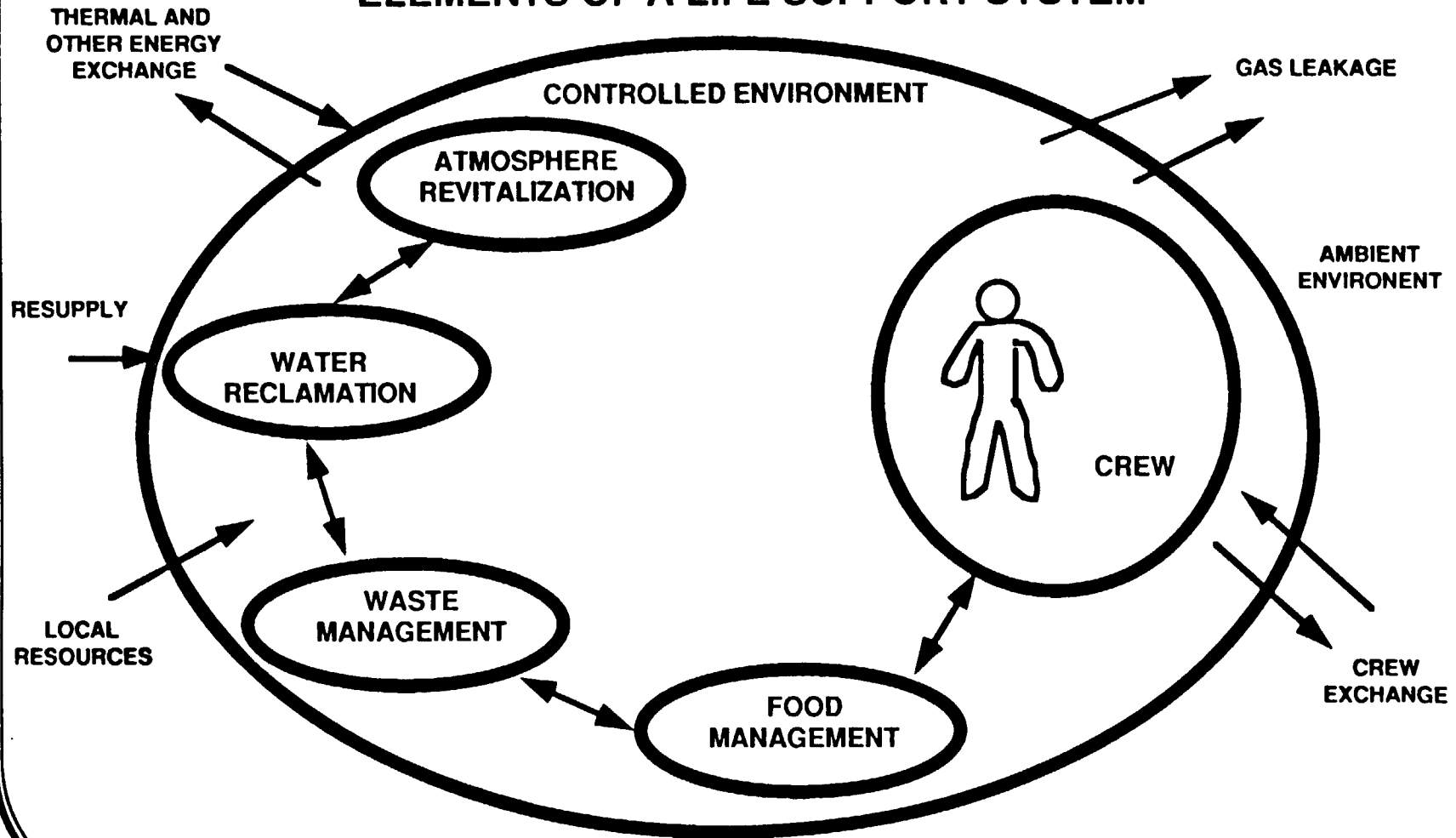
**CLOSURE OF AIR & WATER LOOPS HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE REDUCTION IN THE MASS OF LIFE SUPPORT EXPENDABLES AND ASSOCIATED TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS**

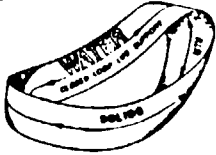


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### ELEMENTS OF A LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM





### IMPLEMENTATION

- BASE R & T
- PATHFINDER



### R & T BASE PROGRAM

- AIR, WATER, WASTE PROCESSING RESEARCH
- PROCESS SIMULATION TECHNIQUES
- MONITORING AND CONTROL INSTRUMENTATION  
FOR AIR, WATER QUALITY, AND CONTAMINATION



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# PATHFINDER PROGRAM ELEMENTS

## MODELING AND ANALYSIS

BIOREGENERATIVE  
SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY  
(OSSA)

WATER  
RECLAMATION  
SYSTEMS

SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEMS

AIR REVITALIZATION  
SYSTEMS

THERMAL CONTROL  
SYSTEMS

FOOD MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEMS

PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL  
PROCESSING  
TECHNOLOGIES

PORTABLE LIFE  
SUPPORT  
TECHNOLOGY

INTEGRATED SYSTEMS

MISSION SCENARIOS



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### MAJOR THRUSTS

#### WATER RECLAMATION

- Processing technology
- Contaminant control
- Subsystem analytical modeling & validation

#### WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Composition and definition
- Handling & processing
- Subsystem analytical modeling & validation

#### AIR REVITALIZATION

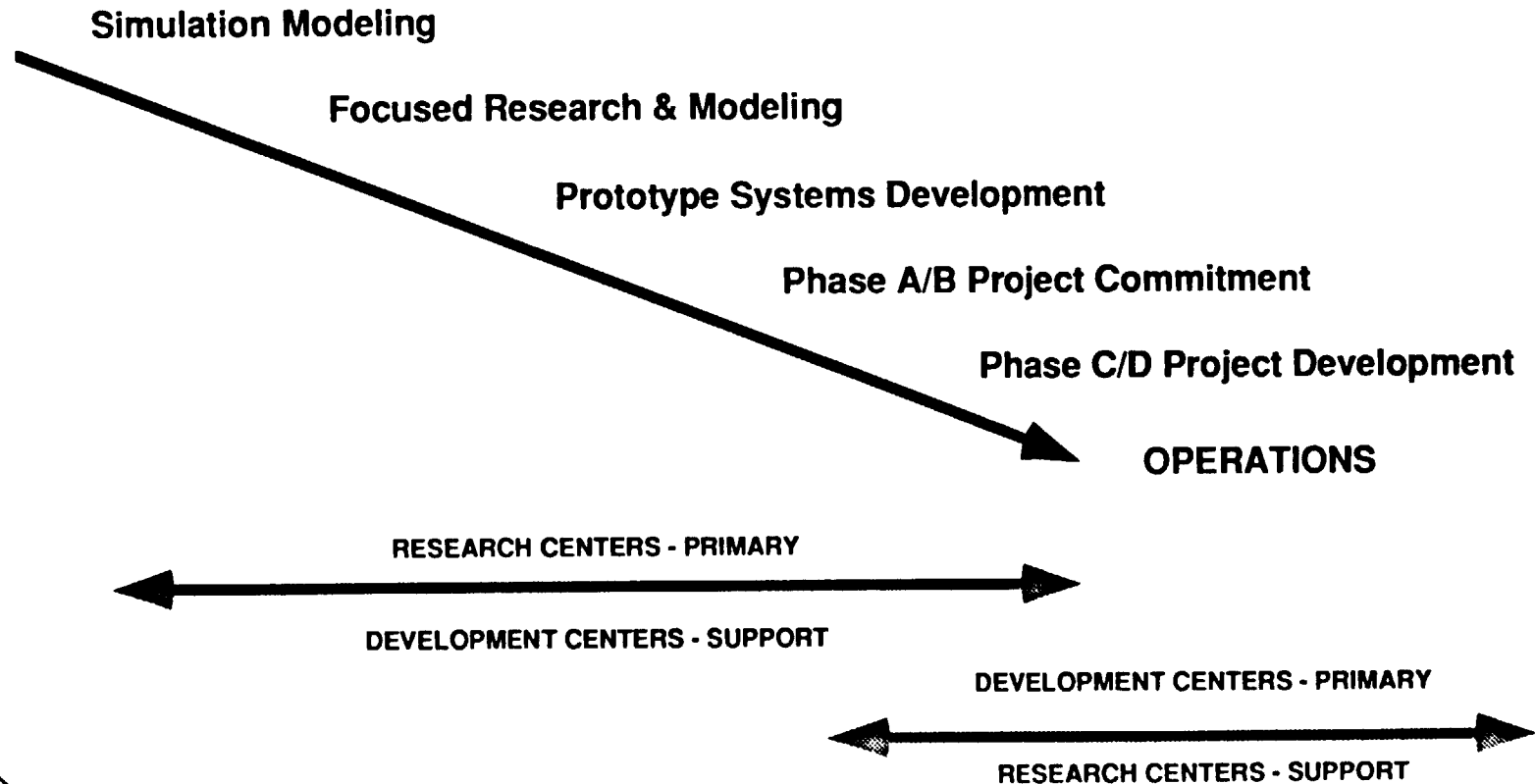
- CO<sub>2</sub> removal
- Oxygen generation
- Trace contaminant control
- Subsystem analytical modeling & validation

#### INTEGRATED SYSTEMS

- System requirements
- Systems analysis & assessment
- System test & validation



## **Pathfinder P/C Closed Loop Life Support Technology Development**



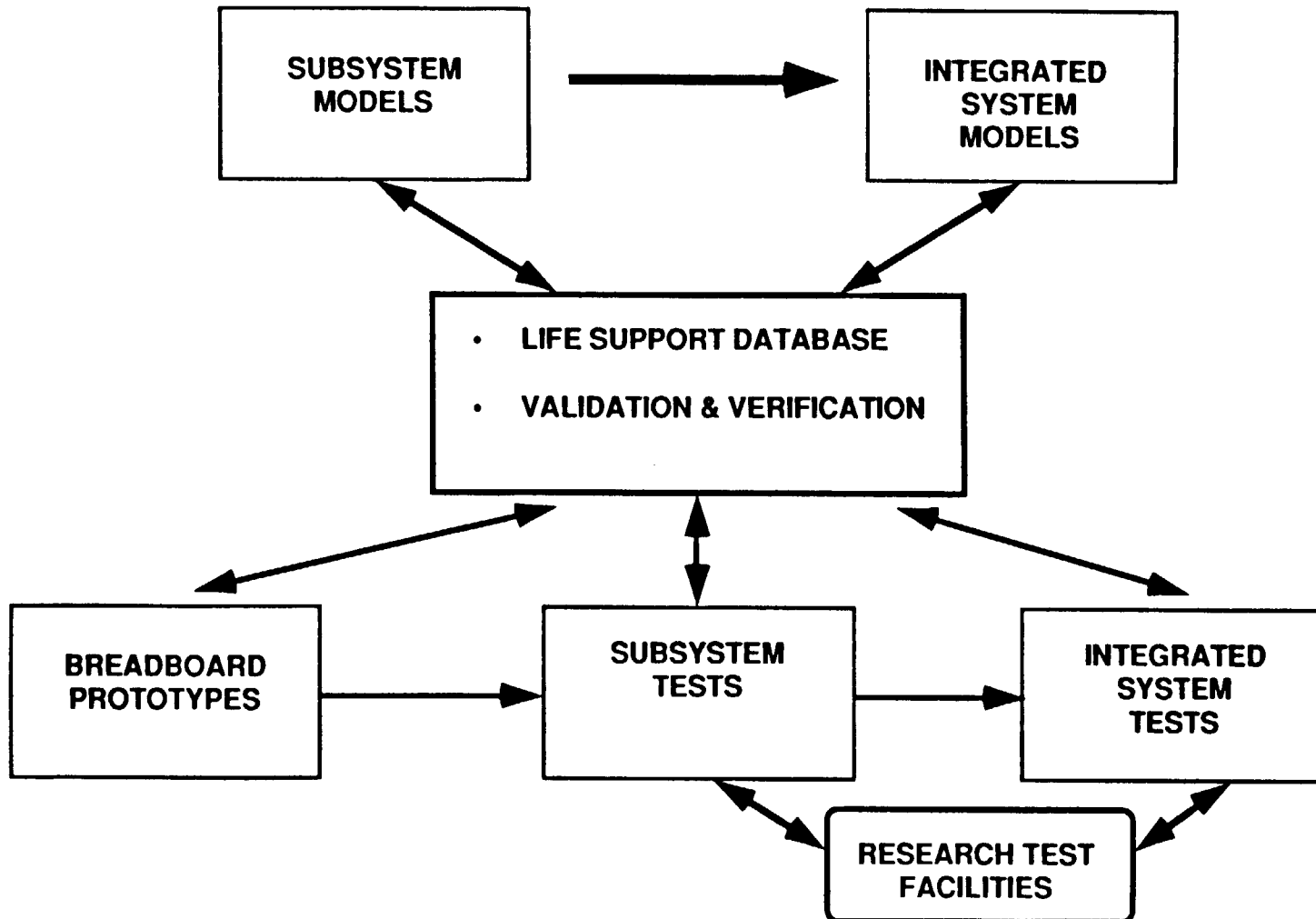


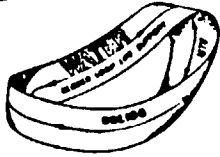


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### TECHNICAL APPROACH

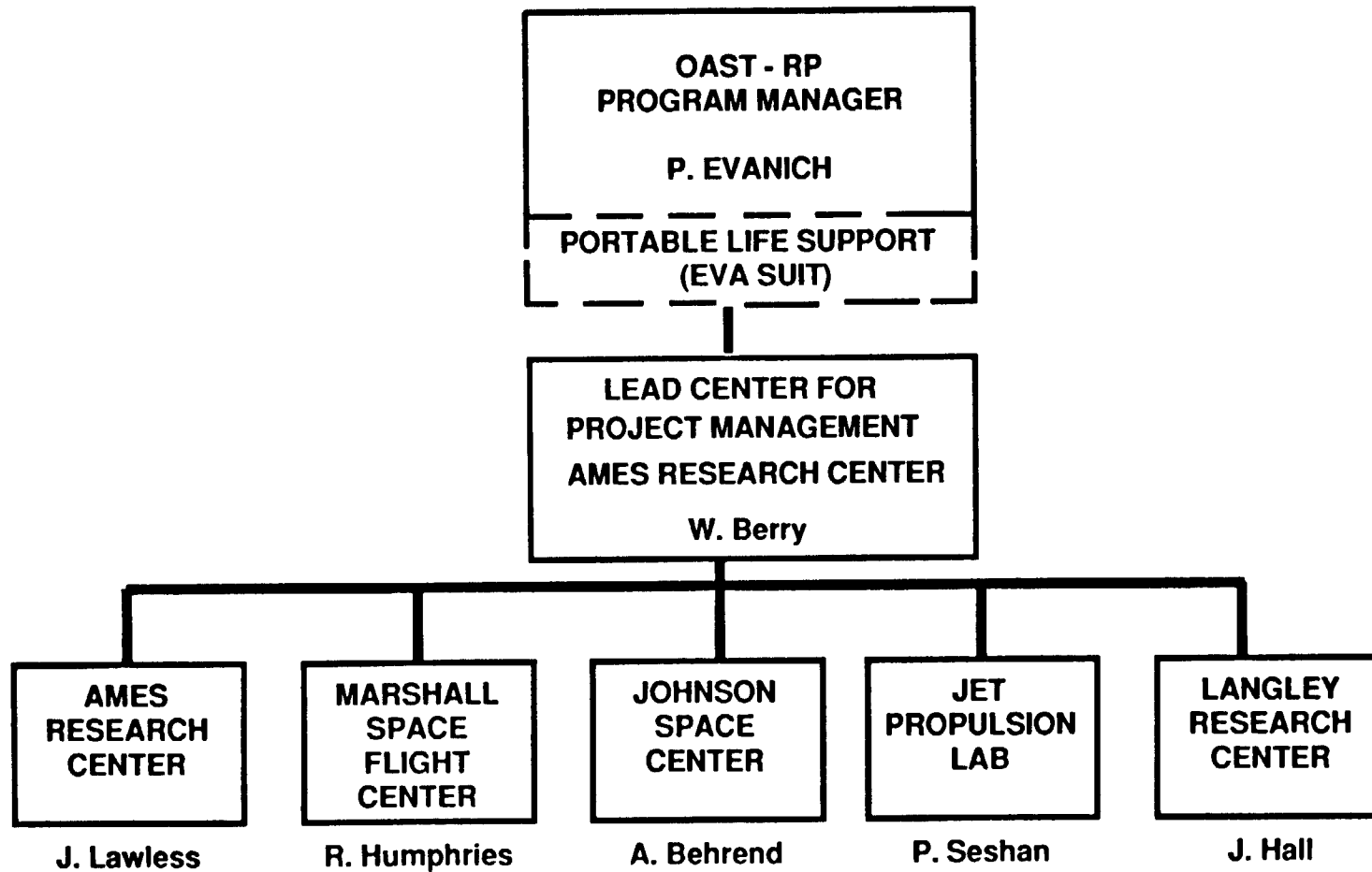




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### P/C CLOSED LOOP LIFE SUPPORT PROGRAM





## PATHFINDER P/C CLOSED LOOP LIFE SUPPORT

### MAJOR DELIVERABLES

	89	90	91	92
<b>WATER RECLAMATION</b>	Assessment Δ		Validated Process	Technologies Δ
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b>	Subsystem Selection Δ			Model Development Analysis Δ
<b>AIR REVITALIZATION</b>		Subsystem Selection Δ		Initiate Integrat. Analysis Δ
<b>INTEGRATED SYSTEMS</b>	System Requirements Δ			Subsystem Prototype Design Packages Δ

